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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING ACTION ON ALUMINUM

REF: MEIMA/ JOHNSTON TELECON OF APRIL 5

1. HANS BESELER OF THE ANTIDUMPING DIVISION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INFORMED THE MISSION THAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONSIDERING FOR A YEAR INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS ON DUMPING OF ALUMINUM FROM AUSTRALIA, NORWAY, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES (E. G., MARTIN MARIETTA). UP UNTIL NOW THE COMMUNITY HAS TURNED DOWN INDUSTRY REQUESTS FOR THE INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IMPORTS HAVE BEEN TOO SMALL TO CAUSE INJURY.

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THE INDUSTRY ADMITS THAT THE IMPORTS ARE SMALL, BUT STATES THAT FOREIGN OFFERS AT LOW PRICES HAVE UPSET THE MARKET. DURING A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, JAMES CLAWSON, EC OFFICIALS STATED THAT THEY HAD JUST REFUSED ANOTHER INDUSTRY REQUEST, NOTING THAT THE EC INTRNAL PRICES OF ALUMINUM HAD BEEN RISING OVR THE PAST FEW MONTHS. EC OFFICIALS USED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE WHEN THEY WERE ARGUING THAT THE US ANTIDUMPING PROCEDURE SHOULD ALLOW FOR SOME PRELIMINARY JUDGMENT OF INJURY POSSIBILITIES BEFORE THE INITIATION OF AN ANTIDUMPING INVSTIGATION. THIS WOULD AVOID UNCERTAINTY IN THE TRADE WHEN THE INJURY CLAIM WAS CLEARLY UNJUSTIFIED (MANUAL HOISTS FROM LUXEMBOURG).

2. BESELER STATES THAT THE DOMESTIC ALUMINUM PRODUCERS ARE KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION HAS MADE NO DECISION TO INITIATE A CASE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT MAKE SUCH A DECISION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. HOWEVER, BESELER COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCES. HE STATED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN ALUMINUM EXPORTERS HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE COMMISSION PROMISING NOT TO TRY TO UNDERCUT INTERNAL COMMUNITY PRICES. CONSEQUENTLY THE COMMUNITY PRODUCERS ARE

NO LONGER SEEKING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE AUSTRALIANS. SOME SECTORS AMONG THE NORWEGIAN PRODUCERS ALSO WANTED TO SEND SUCH A LETTER, BUT THE EFFORT WAS VETOED BY MARTIN MRITT. GRENWALD

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